

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 3 after line 8 before line 9 of the originally filed specification:

The present application defines a technique of automatically recognizing handwritten characters and creating a font based on such handwritten characters. Embodiments of the presently claimed invention include methods and apparatuses for extracting a character from an entry box, storing positional information of the character in a storage section such as a database, and moving the character to a position that makes reproduction of that character as a font more attractive to the eye.

Please delete the paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 7 through page 10, line 20 of the originally filed application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 2 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

The present embodiment aims to disclose an apparatus, a method, and a computer-readable storage medium recording a program for generating handwritten character font, based on user's handwritten characters, with which the prepared document can be printed finely. According to the inventive composition, since the character image data of the handwritten character is moved to the character position based on the character positional information of the font character space defined for every font character and then font characters are created, the handwritten character font based on the user's own handwritten characters can be created easily.

and documents drawn up by using the handwritten character font can be printed with an attractive appearance.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 3 of the originally filed application with the following amended paragraph:

In this specification, “character” means a symbol symbolized by the combination of dots, stroke, or the like for every division in language in order to express the language visually, and “font” means a character set created using a single typeface. Further, “font character” means each character marking each division of the “font”, and corresponds to each “character” constituting the “font”. Furthermore, “handwritten character font” means a character set, handwritten by a user, which can be regarded as a single typeface. The file format of the “handwritten character font” may be bit map form, or may be vector form which consists of sets of formulas, such as a Bezier curve, a spline curve or the like. Moreover, “character code” means a ~~peculiar~~ particular set of codes into which the set (character set) of characters, signs or the like are encoded, in order to process the characters and the signs in an information processing apparatus. There are Shifted Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS) Codes, Japanese Extended Unix Code (EUC) or the like as the character codes for processing a Japanese character set, and one character is usually expressed with a 2 bytes code. In addition, there are also character codes for processing Korean language, Chinese language or the like.